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more than half. It is now down to \$500,000.

SENATOR HILGERT: Will we be getting a new fiscal note that...

SENATOR STUHR: Yes.

SENATOR HILGERT: ...reflects that?

SENATOR STUHR: Yes, there is a new fiscal note.

SENATOR HILGERT: Okay, I was not sure if it used to be, you know, \$2.5 million a year and we're now down to this or...

SENATOR STUHR: Well, actually, I started out in support of these programs at \$6 million at one time and I think that we have come to an appropriate figure. I would like to see more but, knowing the fiscal restraints, I've worked very hard to do the best that we can.

SENATOR HILGERT: So what you're saying is we've already saved \$5.4 million.

SENATOR STUHR: (Laugh) That's right.

SENATOR HILGERT: Thank you, Senator Stuhr.

SENATOR STUHR: Yes. I might just also add that there will be, as indicated, some cost for training staff and we feel that that's also an important component of the bill. However, the majority of the funds would go directly to school districts to assist students, and I can't emphasize that enough. For some reason, I feel, and others may not, but I feel that every person should have the opportunity to do the very best they can do, no matter what type of vocation or profession that they choose, and I don't believe that we have been appropriating enough time and effort in helping our students to assess what their career plans might be, to help them prepare for postsecondary opportunities, and for lifelong learning. And those are some of the reasons that I feel career and technical education programs are so important. Another comment that I might want to make is that really over 90 percent of the students that attend secondary